

He who loves the community or country as well expands in his thought to include all these wider interests, and he who rises to the calvary point of view and looks with love upon the wide and wicked world will find his heart pulsating stroke with stroke with that of the master as it expands to include in its compassion not part, but all the race for whom Christ died.

Compare the heart of a man given over in his thought to the mere accumulation of corn and hogs and houses and lands, or the woman imprisoned in a little society circle and caring nothing for the world outside, with that of John Knox as he cried unto God "Give me Scotland or I die," or Francis Xavier begging in his old age to be taken back to his work, or John Wesley saying "The world is my parish," or Paul as he said "I strive to preach where Christ is not known," or Jesus as he said "Other sheep have I which are not of this fold. Them also I must bring and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

O! if there were no other result at all it would pay to foster missions for the sake of the expanding life and love of the church.

4. There are other things. Faith also expands. Faith does not grow in him who has all that he needs at hand and seeks nothing further. Faith is born when the larder is empty and the wolf howls at the door. Faith is born when the dark curtain is drawn between ourselves and the ones we love. Faith is born when we become co-workers with God in the work of extending his kingdom. As the arms of the church reach out to carry the gospel to far away lands, the wings of faith extend with power to support those arms in time of need.

Who has not read Miller's Life of Trust and been led to greater faith and power by the life of that wonderful man of prayer? Who can read the miracles of missions without realizing more fully that God who of old led on his people with mighty hand and outstretched arm, still works his will among men and cares the while for his own?

Have not we already been taught line upon line and precept upon precept the lessons of faith in the work of our home-missions? And shall we here curtail the blessing? Never. The task seems large, then let us pray "Lord, increase our faith and lead thou us on for we can walk the wave so thou art by our side."

5. And last of all may I speak of the reaction of the sweet peace which comes from the consciousness of simply being in harmony with God's will. There is nothing greater, nothing grander nor more to be desired. Henry Drummond says the greatest work in the world is not the evangelization of the world, but simply doing the will of God. But it is the will of God that not one should perish but that all should know Him. This being the will of God there can be no greater work. When we are spending time and money on the pleasures of friendship and home we may sometimes question if

this is what Jesus would have us do, but when we make an effort, however feeble, toward carrying the gospel to the regions beyond we know that it is his wish and last command.

And is there not a reaction power in this? Ah, who that knows it would exchange it for the world? Blessed harmony with God. With it comes the secret of prevailing prayer for "If we ask anything according to his will he heareth us;" with it comes the badge of true discipleship for if we keep his commandments then are we truly his disciples, and with it comes the peace which passeth all understanding and all the bright-hand promises that over arch the sky of the obedient.

The Jews regarded themselves from the very first as the chosen people of God thru whom the true God was to become known to all the world. They believed that the only window of heaven that was open was the window of their revelation. They basked in its sunlight; they grew proud of their favor. They said "Let all nations walk in the light of the Lord" but how? They said "Let all nations flow up unto Jerusalem and let Israel rule the world and then dispense the blessings of the knowledge of God."

But the pride and selfishness and self-righteousness of the nation was a high wall and the nations without did not get over it and the people within withered away in the light of their revelation under the very window of which they boasted.

But the Christian church took the greater revelation in Jesus Christ and with eager feet carried it east and west and north and south and the word was confirmed with signs following and the disciples grew and were multiplied as they walked in the joy and comfort of the Holy Ghost, and the church has gone from strength to strength in its great and blessed mission.

The Brethren church goes before the world with the plea of a pure gospel and a full gospel. The world needs such a gospel and wants such a gospel. Here indeed the masses go their giddy ways under the shadow of innumerable churches but in the regions beyond are millions upon millions who have not so much as heard that there is a gospel or a ray of hope forever. Shall we expect the world to come to our light and be saved? We shall perish in it while we wait.

But light is for the dark places and salt is for the corrupt places and into the dark and the dying regions let us go and there the master will be with us all the days even unto the end of the world and back again will come the benediction of the saved, will come the welcome words "well done," will come the thrill of peace and fullness of joy which is heaven below.

We say O, yes, but the time is not ripe. Believe me the harvest is ripe. Two thousand years ago the Master said "The fields are already white unto the harvest," and the command was given "Go." It is sounding to day "Go." If we cannot compass the field in a day we can at least make a begin-

ning. Tho we number not many thousands of members nor millions of dollars yet the very waste of our pleasures would make a glorious beginning while a proper spirit of sacrifice on the part of all would astonish the world with results.

At the beginning of the South African war the British people kept singing these words:

"If war we must, why war we will
And we will war it thru
We've got the men, we've got the ships
And we've got the money too."

If men can be inspired to sacrifice of life and treasures in a cause of bloody greed, how much more ought we to be inspired to go with confidence for we have the men and we have the means, and we have the cause the most holy, and back of our weakness are the unlimited resources of God, and underneath are the everlasting arms, and bright above is the star of Hope and the Spirit is our guide.

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"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. Psalm 42:1.

THEME—PRAYER AND PRAISE

The text illustrates the yearning desire in the redeemed soul, wrestling with God in prayer, for a holier life, a better service, and a closer walk with God. This relationship to God can only be attained by faithful, persistent prayer to the Father in the name of his son, who said, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Jno 16:23. Glorious promise: God give grace to fulfill the conditions that the blessing may be ours, and his the glory.

It is written, Men ought always to pray and not to faint. Luke 18:1. Pray without ceasing. I Thess. 5:17. Be careful for nothing, (don't worry about any thing :) but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds thru Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:6, 7. In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence, (Prov. 14:26) and this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us. (I Jno. 5:14)

The Psalmists happy experience should be ours. He says, I love the Lord because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Psalm 34:15. I waited patiently for the Lord and (1) he inclined unto me, (2) and heard my cry. (3) He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, (4) out of the miry clay, (5) and set my feet upon a rock, (6) and established my goings (7) And he hath put a new song into my mouth, even praise unto our God. Psalms 40:1-3. Seven wonderful blessings direct from the Lord. It is he who enriches us with all temporal and spiritual blessings. (Eph. 1:3.)

O, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men. Psalm 107:8. Let every